

## **Projected Number of Active Diocesan Priests in the Diocese of Bismarck**

The following projection is based on a statistical analysis of the experience of the diocese over the past 12 years. This analysis indicates there has been an average of 5 ordinations every 3 years, and a net loss of 1 priest for reasons other than retirement every 4 years.

The retirement projections are based on the actual ages of the priests currently serving the diocese. On July 1, 2008, there were 40 unretired diocesan priests within the diocese.

The following goal projections are those of the Diocesan Director for Vocations.

### ***Projected Numbers of Priests Every 3 Years***

#### **2009-2011**

5 Ordinations

4 Retirements:

0 Unexpected

**Total Number of Priests: 41**

#### **2012-2014**

5 Ordinations

1 Retirement:

1 Unexpected

**Total Number of Priests: 44**

#### **2015-2017**

5 Ordinations

1 Retirement:

1 Unexpected

**Total Number of Priests: 47**

#### **2018-2020**

5 Ordinations

2 Retirements:

1 Unexpected

**Total Number of Priests: 49**

#### **2021-2023**

5 Ordinations

3 Retirements:

0 Unexpected

**Total Number of Priests: 51**

#### **2024-2026**

5 Ordinations

0 Retirements

1 Unexpected

**Total Number of Priests: 55**